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Rep. Paul Condino  
Chairperson of House Judiciary Comm.  
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RE: Juvenile Bill Hearing  
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Dear Chairperson Condino and members,

Both my wife and I are retired school teachers. We are concerned that no action has been taken by the Michigan Legislature for more than two years in regard to juveniles who have been sentenced to life without parole.

There are more than 300 juveniles living out life sentences in Michigan with little hope of release. Most citizens believe that persons sentenced at age 15, 16, or 17 to life without parole can and should be given a second chance at a free life.

Michigan has the third highest rate of sentencing child offenders to life without parole in the country.

We know of one young man who was sentenced at age 16 and has served more than twenty years with no chance of parole. He has made very good progress during his time in prison.

The young man is Karl B. Strunk, MDOC No. A191849 and is presently at Kinross Correctional Facility. His e-mail: Kabrst @ yahoo.com will let you see his case profile, synopsis of case, mitigating factors, institutional conduct, education, employment readiness and skills, as well as support.

We both implore you to look into the many reasons this man is ready to return to society and to change this outdated practice.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Cameron.

